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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 2-5 and 7-10 has been amended. No new matter has been added. New claims 11 and 12 have been added. Thus, claims 2-5 and 7-12 remain pending in the instant application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ovadia, U.S. Patent No. 6,546,557, in view of Fawaz, U.S. Patent No. 6,654,374, further in view of Nash, U.S. Patent No. 4,577,312.

Claims 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Ovadia, Fawaz, and Nash as applied to claims 1 and 6, and further in view of deBoer, U.S. Patent No. 6,616,350.

Claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled. Claim 3, 5, 8, and 10 have been amended to include all the limitations of previous bases claim 1 and 6, respectively. Thus, the objection to claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 should be withdrawn.

As amended herein, remaining objected claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 all depend from claim 5, 3, 10 and 8, respectively. As such, the objections to claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 should be withdrawn in light of amended claims 3, 5, 8, and 10.

Further, New Claims 11 and 12 have been added. However, New Claims 11 and 12 mirror the limitation in claim 2 and 7, respectively. The difference between claim 2 and 7 verses New Claims 11 and 12, is that New Claims 11 and 12 depend from amended claims 3 and 8, respectively (which have been placed in a condition for allowance, see above). (Amended claims 2 and 7 depend from amended claims 5 and 10, respectively).

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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